

# HOLYBROOK

SUMMER EDITION



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

As this issue goes to print we are only a few weeks away from the third Holybrook Festival which will be on Sunday 28 June from 12 noon until 4pm on Linear Park and in the Beansheaf Centre in Charrington Road.

We hope to be blessed with another fine day and look forward to seeing you there at what will be

another fun filled family afternoon.

I would like to place on record our gratitude to Tony Ward who has stood down as a parish councillor after three and a half years.



Tony was instrumental in getting the festival off the ground and we are grateful to him for that and for everything else he did for the parish.

Congratulations to Jerry Carbon on becoming a Justice of the Peace.

**Bernard Gilbert**  
Chairman

JUNE 2009

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### **HOLYBROOK FESTIVAL SUNDAY 28 JUNE FROM 12—4PM IN LINEAR PARK**

The Holybrook Festival came about as a result of surveys carried out when the Parish Plan was being prepared. Many of our residents suggested that we needed a community event and the Linear Park was an ideal venue. Tony Ward became festival organiser in 2007, and the event proved successful enough to plan a second event in 2008. We are now in our third year, and hopefully we are learning year on year so that this year will see an even better event.

A large amount of time and effort is made by a few volunteers. We have been successful in obtaining grants from West Berkshire Council, the Greenham Common Community Trust and the West Berkshire Community Plus Fund. We are grateful to them for having confidence in our efforts and supporting us.

More volunteers are needed for just a few hours on the day—if you can help please contact the Parish Office on **0118 945 4339** or email: [holybrookcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:holybrookcouncil@btconnect.com)

If you are unable to offer to help, please come along on the day and encourage others to do the same. Please see page 2 for the gentlemen's cake recipe.



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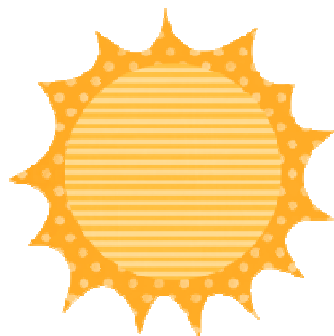
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## *Kennet Valley Free Church*

Come along to the *Family Fun Day* at *Kennet Valley Free Church*; *Saturday 13th June*; *11am-4pm* Lots of activities will be taking place throughout the day including:- Bouncy Castle, Craft activities, games, face painting, tuckshop, refreshments, live music, car-wash, BBQ and much more.

So why not come along and enjoy a great day out for all the family.

**Christianity Explored:-** an opportunity to explore what Christianity is all about. There is a course starting in the daytime during the Summer term. If you are interested in this, or in an evening course later in the year, please contact Richard Fairbairn for more details **0118 951 1826** email: richard.fairbairn@kvfc.org.uk

For more information about Kennet Valley Free Church, visit our website **www.kvfc.org.uk**

## *Community Youth Club*

Is held at the Holybrook Centre in Fords Farm. This is run by the neighbourhood wardens with some volunteer help and is open from 7pm to 9.30pm with the last half hour for over 13's only.

Fortnightly sessions on 5th June, 19th June, 3rd July, 17th July and 31st July.

Call **0118 945 5286** or text **07909565556** for details.

## *Gentlemen's Cake Recipe for the Holybrook Festival*

The competition is open to gentlemen of all ages and the cakes must be received and registered for the competition by 12.30 on the day of the festival. Judging will take place shortly thereafter.

### *Women's Institute Victoria Sponge Recipe*

Ingredients:

- 175 grams (6 ozs) Margarine
- 175 grams (6 ozs) Caster Sugar
- 3 Medium Eggs
- 175 grams (6 ozs) Self-Raising Flour
- 2 – 3 drops Vanilla Essence
- 1 – 2 teaspoonfuls hot water

Method:

- Pre-heat the oven to 180°C (350°F) Gas mark 4
- Cream the sugar and margarine until light and fluffy.
- Lightly whisk the eggs together and add to the mixture a little at a time. If there is curdling add a little flour.
- Fold in the rest of the flour.
- Add the vanilla essence and then enough hot water to give a soft dropping consistency.
- Place in two 18cms (7 inch) sponge-cake tins.
- Put in the pre-heated oven and cook for 20 – 25 minutes until the cakes are firm to the touch and shrinking from the side of the tins.
- When the cakes are cool remove from the tins and sandwich them together with jam. Sprinkle the top with sugar.

## *Friends of Linear Park*

You may have been fortunate enough to see a water vole in the ditches or in the Holybrook. If you have seen one, please continue to report your sightings to the Parish Office. The map on the notice boards can help with locations. The Linear Park is surveyed for water voles yearly as part of the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT). We are seen to have a stable colony, so your reporting does help.

This continues to be the time of year that water voles bear young. So please take care with your dogs near the ditches.

From time to time there are motorbikes in the park. These are not allowed. If you happen to see one and are willing to call, please contact the following:

1) the wardens **0118 945 5286** 2) the non-emergency police number **08458 505 505**  
If you could let them know the following: that you are in Linear Park, the park is along Charrington Road, the Beansheaf Parish Office's post code is RG31 7AW, West Berkshire is responsible for the park (not Reading) and that the nearest West Berkshire police station is in Pangbourne.

Also, the first swallow of the season has been seen over the park and a water rail has been seen near the balancing pond ditch. In the park as well are dunnock, reed buntings and reed warblers.

Please telephone **0118 942 1372** or email: [alison.harwood@btinternet.com](mailto:alison.harwood@btinternet.com)



### *Are you interested in taking part in a Sailing Regatta or Volleyball Competition (all welcome to take part, novice or otherwise)?*

Warm greetings residents. My name is Jerry Carbon, a councillor for Holybrook Parish Council at the Beansheaf Centre, Charrington Road, Calcot.

Residents, DON'T miss this wonderful opportunity to take part in these fun and exciting events! Changing partners for each game will put individual skills to the test! Crowds will cheer all the participants and the winners will be awarded a wonderful title and prize.

Individuals will be all be trained on the day before the events start, so they will understand the rules of the games.

If you are interested, the proposed venue for the Volleyball Competition is at Linear Park.

The proposed venue for the Sailing Regatta is at Berkshire Sailing Club J12 on the M4.

Please contact Jerry on **07988 248624** or via [jcarbon@hotmail.com](mailto:jcarbon@hotmail.com) to declare an interest in either the Volleyball Competition or the Sailing Regatta.



## *Kennet Valley Preschool*

Kennet Valley Preschool, based in the Holybrook Community Centre, Carters Rise, Fords Farm has free places for 3 and 4 year olds. We can offer up to 5 sessions per week, Monday—Friday. Register your child from the age of 2 years to ensure a place when they reach their 3rd birthday. For more information please ring preschool on **07884 028715**.

We will be hosting our Summer Fayre at the community centre on **Sunday 5th July** from **2.00pm**. Lots of stalls and games, everyone welcome. Come along and meet some of our mums and children and preschool staff.



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## COMMENTS FROM WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCILLORS

### SWIMMING FACILITIES

Our nearest pool is at Willink School, Burghfield Common where for all West Berkshire residents aged 60 years and over, the swimming is free. Parking is also free. This facility is open all year, for more details phone **0118 9834845**

### BUS GATES

Recent checks have confirmed residents concerns that some people are driving through the bus gates illegally. The local police will be carrying out more checks, and those caught will face a £60 fine.

### DOG FOULING

There is still a number of irresponsible dog owners who do not clear up the mess made by their dogs. Permission is being sought in future for PCSO's to be given the right to issue penalty notices which incur a fine.

### OVERGROWING SHRUBBERY

At this time of year, there is a tendency for new Spring growth to extend over footpaths - in some instances preventing clear passage. This is particularly annoying to wheelchair users. If you are affected by this nuisance, please contact **Streetcare Tel: 01635 519080**

### DISTRICT COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

These are held each 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in the month 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. at the West Berks Council Office in Sainsbury's. Details are published in the local press. Why not pop in and see us?

Brian Bedwell, Peter Argyle, Manohar Gopal



## *Would you like to become a parish councillor?*



Parish Councillors may be either elected or co-opted. Elections are held every four years or to fill an advertised vacancy if ten or more members of the electorate so request. Otherwise new councillors are co-opted, having expressed an interest and having satisfied the eligibility conditions. Please see website: **[www.holybrookparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.holybrookparishcouncil.co.uk)** for questionnaire or ring the parish office on **0118 945 4339**.

On receipt of the completed questionnaire by the Parish Clerk, a formal resolution to co-opt may be tabled at the next full Council meeting. When formally co-opted, the new member will sign the Declaration of Acceptance and the Declaration of Interests, agreeing to abide by the Code of Conduct which applies to everyone serving on parish councils.